

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
April 24, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
Rick Griffin  
James Workman  
Bill Lally  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:**

Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introduced those in attendance.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Workman announced that the Hampton Beach Commission will be meeting this Thursday (April 27) at 7 pm at the Police Station. He also mentioned that the Chairman of the Commission, Fred Rice is scheduled to meet with the Board next week.

Mr. Griffin congratulated Hampton resident, Mary Dumont who has been named one of the top 10 chefs in New Hampshire.

Mr. Lally mentioned that he attended the Elected Officials Workshop hosted by the Local Government Center. He found the session very informative and worthwhile.

Chairman Bridle-Russell reminded citizens that school vacation is this week.

**II. APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **III. MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2006**

Page 4 – Under Beach Fire Station Committee Appointments – spelling error – “Chip Lipe” should be Chief Lipe

Page 6 – Under Closing Comments – Mr. Moore’s comments need to be amended to state: “that he is concerned about drainage but does not believe additional money should be spent.”

The minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup> stand as corrected.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Town Manger James Barrington thanked the Board of Selectmen and the community for the support since the passing of his mother.

Public Works Director John Hangen requested the Town Manager announce that the transfer station has free compost available to Hampton citizens.

Mr. Barrington noted that there is an opportunity to fill in the skating pond with material from the construction site.

Building Inspector Kevin Schultz provided the Town Manager with a price quote of \$44,800 for moving four of the trailers from Winnacunnet High School (WHS) to selected locations. There will be an additional cost of \$20,000 for the utilities to be hooked up. Mr. Barrington suggested that the two of the smaller trailers (33 feet long by 28 feet wide) could be moved to the Public Works location. One could be used as an office for the sewer and drainage crews and the other could be used as a storage facility. He also suggested that the two large trailers (66 feet wide by 26 feet wide) could be moved behind the old Town Hall. One could be used as a senior center and the other as a youth center. A decision on the trailers will need to be made soon as WHS has other interested parties.

#### **SELECTMEN’S RESPONSE TO THE TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

The Consensus of the Board was to proceed with filling the skating pond.

Mr. Workman questioned where the money would come from to pay for the trailers. Mr. Barrington said that the money could come from the amount budgeted under unemployment as we do not anticipate we will need it.

The Public Works Department has been requesting a building for the sewer and drain crews for many years but has never made it through the budget process.

Mr. Griffin asked how many neighbors would be affected by the trailers located behind the former Town hall. The main buildings in the vicinity are the former Court House, Fire Station and the Junior High.

Hampton seniors have been requesting a center for years and this location is suitable. Recreation would be in charge of the buildings at the former Town Hall.

There was some concern about the cost of moving the structures.  
Chairman Bridle-Russell was very supportive about the opportunity for a senior and youth center.

The buildings will be set on asphalt and no foundation is required.  
There was some discussion on the former Town Hall and the future of it. It was suggested that it be torn down.  
Perhaps the option should be included as a warrant article in 2007.

Recreation & Parks Director Dyana Martin is supportive of the senior center.

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to allocate money towards moving, setting up and connecting utilities for one of the small trailers (33 feet long by 28 feet wide) to be used as an office for the sewer and drainage crews at the Public Works Department. As well as one large trailer (66 feet wide by 26 feet wide) to be used as a senior center located behind the former Town Hall. **Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION:**

There was some concern that moving the trailer behind the former Town Hall may deface the neighborhood. It was suggested that seniors will work on beautifying the structure to improve the appearance. The location is suitable for seniors as it is accessible to the many amenities in the area. Another benefit of using the trailer structure as a senior center is that the use may be documented for future funding.

**VOTE: 4 FOR  
OPPOSED: Griffin**

A nonmeeting with the Town Attorney will commence shortly after the meeting.

## **2. WHITE ISLAND PAVING**

Board members have been communicating with the residents in the Island area about paving options. The cost of overlay paving in the Island area was estimated at \$79,000. This figure is well above the Board agreed maximum amount of \$40,000.

It is unfortunate that the cost of overlaying is so high and that the Board could not justify spending the additional money. Many of the Board members noted their concerns about drainage in the area.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to remove the stop work order. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

The construction project is on schedule.

There has also been a request to place a four-way stop at the corner of River Road and Concord Avenue. It is believed that this request would enhance the safety in the area. There may be a need to schedule a public hearing to address this request. Input will be sought from the Highway Safety Committee.

Recommendations from the Highway Safety Committee will be considered by the Board next week.

## **2 – REAPPOINTMENT - CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to reappoint Pete MacKinnon as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

Mr. Barrington will be looking into the progress of the District Court this week and will report back to the Board.

Mr. Griffin inquired about the articles printed in the newspaper and asked if the Town is getting a reasonable deal with Aquarion Water Company. He is concerned about the amount of money that is being spent on accessing water for fire hydrants. It is necessary that there is adequate water available at fire hydrants during a fire. Town Attorney Mark Gearreald has been attending meetings to address the problem.

Mr. Griffin questioned the Town's bidding process. Mr. Barrington said that anything over \$5,000 is bid on. Sometimes there are guidelines provided, in other cases the bidders are requested to state what they can do for a specified amount.

Mr. Griffin believes that the warrant article regarding the paving of the parking lots should have included a higher dollar figure for the project. Mr. Barrington said that when developing warrant articles there is always a concern about requesting too much as votes will often not support expensive projects.

Mr. Griffin commented on the spur road at Winnacunnet High School. He said that it is causing a lot of confusion with traffic in the area and noted that a large out of town school bus was attempting a u-turn in the area last Friday. Mr. Griffin said that the spur road issue needs to be resolved. Mr. Barrington said that the school is in the bidding process and the project should be complete by the time school starts in the fall.

Mr. Workman inquired about when the Seacoast Hazardous Waste Pickup has been scheduled. Mr. Barrington has been communicating with the coordinator and will get the details as soon as possible.

Mr. Barrington said that he has been discussing the possibility of a spring cleanup day with the Public Works Director. The cleanup day would involve Hampton residents taking their materials (i.e. old couches, etc.) to the transfer station for free. The Board was in favor of having two days available on a weekend for Hampton residents. Chairman Bridle-Russell suggested that there may be senior seminar students who are interested in assisting seniors with their spring cleanup.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lally noted that in the Aquarion Water company update it states: "Work on Highland Avenue/Ashworth Avenue area has been postponed due to unforeseen conditions and time constraints. This work will be slated for the following fall/winter 07/08, depending on budget and other considerations." This is a concern as the company will need to cut the road in 2007 or 2008. This may disturb the integrity of the newly constructed road. It would be ideal if the water work could be done before the construction is complete along Ashworth and Highland Avenue.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1 – Parade Licenses
- 2 – Town Municipal Parking Lot Request
- 3 – Federal Surplus Program Agreement
- 4 – License for Coin Operated Amusement Devices
- 5 – Sign Approval – Low Emissions

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to approve the consent agenda. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## **VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gerry Dignam discussed the use of the trailer for a senior center. He mentioned that the idea of a senior center was turned down by voters in past years. He believes that there is a need for a public hearing for citizens to voice their opinions.

Ed Smith thanked the Board of Selectmen for their concerted effort in researching and analyzing the possibility of an overlay paving in the Island area.

Dick Schuck encouraged the Board to consider a four-way stop at Boston and River Avenue. He also thanked the Board for their efforts in considering overlay paving in the Island area. In addition, Mr. Schuck would like to see the drainage in the area improved.

Mary Louise Woolsey addressed the Board of Selectmen. She believes that the Board is finding money in a previously discussed senior center and drainage/sewer office (i.e. trailers). She believes that the public perception of this idea is viewed poorly.

Fred Rice (15 Heather Lane) discussed the limited funds the State has to support a household waste collection but believes that they are arranging a date. He also talked about the trailers and believes that the Board made a sound decision as the money was not found it was available in the budget. Mr. Rice believes that the trailer will make a nice center for the growing population of seniors to enjoy. Mr. Rice also commented on the various bidding procedures.

## **VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Mr. Lally clarified that the smaller trailer at Public Works will be used as the office for the sewer and drainage crews and that the larger trailer could “possibly” be used as a senior center.

It was noted that the price per square foot would be approximately \$10 to \$15, which is very reasonable for a building.

Mr. Griffin stated that he voted against the motion to fund the relocation of the trailer for the senior center because he does not feel that it is a suitable structure and is concerned about the appearance of trailer. He would like to hear the opinions of citizens prior to moving the building.

**Mr. Griffin MOTIONED** to hold a public hearing on the possibility of the trailer that would be located behind the former Town hall to be used as a senior center at 6 PM on May 1. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

Seniors are encouraged to come out to the meeting, mail, email or call in their comments.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman